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COOK HAS NOT LEFT UNITED STATES

Fear of Nervous Breakdown Causes Explorer to Go Into Retirement, Says Brother.

WALTER WELLMAN ATTACKS DISCOVERER

Says Cook Could Not Have Possibly Reached the Pole; Derides Him for Lecturing Before Showing Proofs.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook has been found tonight. That is an authoritative statement issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, and saying that the explorer who mysteriously disappeared from public view yesterday was still near New York, recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

W. L. Cook's statement follows:

"Dr. Cook is in the vicinity of New York trying to get it much-needed rest. If he decides to go to Europe there will be no secret concerning his departure. I think that his friends and critics alike should be charitable enough to allow him to rest until his health is fully restored. He has not been reading the newspapers in the last few days and is not responsible for the statements that have been made by those who were acting as his spokesman."

"In sending his data to Copenhagen Dr. Cook has fulfilled his obligations to the public."

The statement was issued in view of the fact that the doctor's apparent exclusion caused great anxiety among his friends, leaving even John R. Bradly, his financial backer, puzzled and exasperated. Mrs. Cook is also in New York, but her exact whereabouts has not been announced.

STORY SUSPICIOUS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Walter Wellman, whose preparations for a conquest of the North Pole in an airship were abandoned upon the announcement of the return of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary, tonight issued a long statement in which he accuses the narratives of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary "precise, workmanlike, considerate, credible in every particular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as a self-evident and even deliberate imposture.

"Cook's story is suspicious, both in what it does tell and what it does not tell," Mr. Wellman declared. "He is generally vague and indefinite, but, like most men of his class, altogether too precise at the wrong place. Nowhere does his story ring true. It is always an approximation of reality itself. This is true of his figures, his descriptions, of everything."

"Those of us who have had a share in Cook's work, and who have felt uneasy that no blot or fraud should stain the proud record of efforts and sacrifice, but a blot, hope that Dr. Cook would demonstrate his good faith. It has dissolved in an analysis of his own story. A second hope—that he was a victim of some hallucination or mental illness, and himself believed he had been to the pole, though of course he has not—vanishes in the light of earlier and subsequent events. There remains, though one says it with keenest regret, only the wretched alternative—that the journey which he did make, and the route which he gave of it, were deliberately planned from the outset."

IMPOSSIBLE FEAT

The first of Wellman's findings is that, while his modest party and equipment, Dr. Cook could not possibly have accomplished thefeat for which he claims credit, that big astronomical data are too minutely precise to have been made under the claimed conditions in the field, and that the explorer's dash for the lecture platform and his desire for "crowds of flowers placed on his head by impudent women and children," before submitting his field records to scientific examination, all conspire to his discredit.

Wellman first attacks Cook's story of his journey. He points out that Arctic sledging is not a new venture nor an experiment, but has been reduced almost to a science.

He points out that the first thing to be noted in advancing over the ice fields is the reduction to the minimum of food and fuel, and, in consequence, the organization of supporting parties that can be sent back from the dwindling main body, until the few who are hardest enter on the final struggle to the goal.

The longer the route, he sets forth, necessarily the greater the weight of food and fuel, and, in consequence, a much slower pace.

COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

Based his argument mainly on these principles, Wellman takes up a comparison of the supposed achievements of Peary and Cook. He quotes from records to show that the former took his ship to within 460 miles of the Pole, advancing his supplies and his party forty-seven miles closer in the autumn and spring. Cook, he points out, started from Anaktuvuk, 700 geographical miles from the pole, and went 170 geographical miles westward before turning northward according to his own story.

Mr. Wellman continues, mapped out his plans for the advance carefully and started with 50 or 60 men, 150 dogs and twenty-one sledges. He divided his party so that he had four supporting parties. Who kept open the buck trail, and, in leading the main body, lightened the loads the men and dogs were compelled to draw.

Dr. Cook had no supporting party, says Wellman, except for the first three days. His party consisted of three men, twenty-six dogs and two sledges in the long dash he made.

"That which he claims to have done," declares Mr. Wellman, referring to Cook, "with his equipment and organization, was physically impossible. It is beyond human power."

WORK OF IMAGINATION

Later in his statement he adds: "The laws of physics and mechanics forces can no more be denied and ignored."

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FABULOUSLY RICH MINE REDISCOVERED IN NORTHERN IDAHO

BOISE, Idaho, November 28.—Prospectors throughout Idaho are preparing for a spring rush to the Brianne country, a somewhat isolated district where one of the famous "Lost Mines" of the West has just been re-discovered. For thirty years there has been a tradition of a sheep herder who came to civilization with samples of quartz yellow with free gold and told his friends of a great hole from which the samples were taken. Starting back alone, he disappeared and was never heard of again.

The finding of a skeleton recently in the portion where the sheep ranged caused a revival of the story and a resumption of the search for the hole. The search is said to have been successful. D. A. Bourne, one of the pioneer discoverers, has returned from the Brianne and gives details of the developments there. He says the ore is a telluride and carries values as high as \$30,000 to the ton. The smallest return from a random sample was \$8 a ton, and there is in sight, on the surface, ore to the value of \$1,750,000. It can be quarried like building stone, declares the prospector.

TAFT EULOGIZES DEAD GOVERNOR

Many Pay Tribute of Respect to Late J. A. Johnson of Minnesota at New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Tribute to the memory of John A. Johnson, late Democratic governor of Minnesota, was paid by President Taft, by Governor Hughes of this state, by Charles A. Towne, former United States senator from Minnesota, and other at a memorial meeting held today at the Broadway tabernacle here under the auspices of the American-Scandinavian Society.

Taft's tribute came in the form of a letter regretting his inability to attend.

The letter said in part:

"I know Governor Johnson, valued him highly as a friend and regarded him as a statesman and citizen as one of the best governors of my country.

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NEWS OF EVENTS IN REALM OF SPORT

REPUBLICANS WIN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FROM MADERA PONIES; SCORE, 7 TO 5

Art Bennett's Fresno Republicans won the amateur baseball championship of Central California yesterday afternoon when they administered a beating to the Madera Ponies on the latter's grounds. The score was 7 to 5. A large crowd of Madera fans saw their favorites fail to defeat before the fast local team.

Howard, the right-handed pitcher, started the game for the Republicans. He headed splendid ball for seven innings, when he asked to be relieved on account of an injury. Harriman came in from right garden and finished the game, permitting but one hit and no runs in two innings.

The Ponies gathered the majority of their runs in the fourth, when two boosts and a couple of safeties off Howard chased four across the jumps. After the opening frame, Arnold Ray, the classy Madera boxer, boomed good ball. In the first, a pair of costly misplays and a double scored three runs and gave the Republicans a lead that was not overcome, although Madera's quartet of tallies in the fourth almost tied the score. As a whole the exhibition was exciting and intensely interesting.

Brent played a great game on third for the champions. He helmed everything that came his way and pulled off a brilliant one-handed stop of a line drive that electrified the fans.

Second baseman Ashley was the pinch-hitting kid. He grabbed two bungles in three trips to the rubber. One swat was needed for two sacks. Klein and Preston played like veterans, stamping the Republicans infield at the best in the valley. Lou King gave a good account of himself in his home town, allowing no stolen bases.

This is the first time the Madera team has been beaten by a Fresno aggregation in the midwinter series and with yesterday's victory for the Republicans goes the amateur title of Central California. Manager Art Bennett of the Fresnoites was highly elated over the achievement and expressed a willingness to defend the title against any club in the valley.

Next Wednesday the professionals journey to Dinuba for a game with the hard-hitting Dinuba team. Bennett's men are hopeful of bringing back another scalp. The occasion will be "Fresno Day" at the annual Tulare county citrus fair. An excursion will run from this city.

Manager Bennett of the champions announced last night that Harry Johnson, the Sanger slab artist, who beat the Kutners 4 to 1, yesterday, will be in the box for the Republicans in the game at Dinuba next Wednesday. Before joining the Sanger Reds, Johnson was the mauler on the slab for Bennett's crew.

With Johnson on the mound, the Dinuba aggregation will be compelled to wield the stick with a vengeance to win, as the Republican infield is capable of giving Johnson all-edge support, and his teammates hit behind

BITTELS PLAY THEIR WAY INTO GOOD GRACES OF 200 FANS BY ADMINISTERING DEFEAT TO SELMA

For the first time this season the Bitteles were seen in action at Recreation Park yesterday afternoon, and Alex Dopp's men made good. By beating Selma 7 to 4, the fast amateur team of this city gained the admiration of several hundred loyal fans. The fast-swinging crowd saw a good ball game and enjoyed the sunshine.

The Selma team has been playing a fair article of ball this year and many fans picked the temperance town boys as the winners over the Bitteles, formerly the Red Fox. But, with Pitcher Scheidt hurling 'em down the alley the visitors faded into oblivion. They had one lookin' at the jarn. That was in the fourth. With a man on third, and one gone, the batsman hit a slow grounder to short. That helmed the globes in major league style, but heaved it wide to the plate, permitting the man on third to register.

Scheidt allowed two hits, while McHenry was touched up for eight safeties. Two of these were for extra bags. J. Miller, the Bittele's second sacker, gleaned a triple, a double and a single in four trips to the oyster. Neither man walked a batter, while the Bittele's hit one. McHenry's walk and Scheidt forced six hits while the atmosphere five errors behind McHenry helped a little, but the Bittele's slammed out hits and driven drives when a bludgeon was needed.

In the sixth, McHenry weakened and four hits in rapid succession chased many tailors across the jumps. McHenry also grew wild and hit a man.

FOOTBALL WILL BE PLAYED AT WEST POINT NEXT SEASON IN SPITE OF DEATH OF CADET

WEST POINT, Nov. 28.—Although it has been decided that football will be played at West Point next year, despite the unfortunate death of Cadet Byrne, it is felt it is understood that this decision has certain reservations which make it practically that the game as it now played must be reformed. It is likely, therefore, that the Army will again lead the fight for rule revision as it did in 1905. The association which was then formed and which is now headed by Captain Palmer E. Price, will meet in New York on December 31, to consider the changing of existing regulations so to provide for a

PITCHER INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 28.—Thomas Cowell, pitcher with the Debutante "Three" League baseball team this year, recently sold to the St. Louis Nationals, and his brother William both miners, are in a critical condition as a result of an explosion of powder in the mine shaft. William will be blinded, and Thomas' arm was so seriously burned that he may never again be able to play ball.

HORSEMAN DIES.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—James Howard, for many years secretary of the Washington Park club, died early this morning from injuries he suffered on Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by a taxicab. Mr. Howard, who was known to racing men the country over, was 60 years old.

TIGERS LOSSES.

HAVANA, November 28.—The Almendras baseball team today defeated the Detroit Americans, 4 to 1.

CORBETT, HARVARD BACK, MAKING RUN AROUND LEFT END IN GAME WITH YALE



Now that the curtain has practically dropped on the football season of 1909 gridiron experts are discussing what may be said to be the most notable season that the popular American college game has experienced in many years. The season may be called a notable one because of two reasons: first, that the Yale-Harvard game at Cambridge, which has always marked the closing of the season with the big eastern four, was the true championship struggle, and Yale, by its victory over the Cambridge team, is the undoubted champion of 1909. Heretofore Pennsylvania has had a claim to be the champion of the year, but because of the troumpling administered to it at the hands of "Harry P." Yost's Michigan team it lost all claim to the honor this fall. Second, the season may be called one of the most disastrous that the popular game has ever experienced. More players have suffered fits, injuries and more deaths have resulted from them than have ever marked the play of any one season before. That is, more should be employed to eliminate the toughness from the game is felt by all. The illustration shows Corbett, Harvard's left halfback, going around Yale's left end in first half of recent game. Please also gives splendid idea of humanity of crowd that witnessed the game between the two elevens in the stadium at Cambridge.

THREE CRACK BILLIARDISTS MAY TIE FOR WORLD'S TITLE AT MADISON SQUARE TOURNEY

CATCHER SPENCER LEADS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION BATSMEN

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—There is a possibility of a triple tie for first honors, cup and money in the international billiard championship tournament, which will be concluded this week in the Madison Square garden concert hall. The standing of the six competitors follow:

Name. Won. Lost.
Cline 1 1
Demarest 3 1
Sutton 3 1
Slosson 1 2
Casimir 0 4
Cutler 0 4

Cline will meet Casimir tomorrow afternoon and Demarest will play Sutton tomorrow night. Should Cutler and Demarest win they will be tied with Cline, who has won four of his five games and is sure of a substantial cash prize. Slosson and Cutler will meet Wednesday for their fifth game and if these ties have to be placed off the tournament will not be completed until Friday.

HORSEMAN WITHDRAWS BID OF \$3500 FOR GRAY HORSE

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—It having come to the ears of William Steel of Philadelphia that the fast grey trotter Denver was a "rider," and possibly suffering from indigestion, the Philadelphia immediately recalled his bid of \$3500 for the horse at the "Old Glory" auction of Madison Square Garden. Accordingly, the horse was offered for sale again, but this time he retold only \$1000. The purchaser is Nathan Straus of New York, who will use Denver as a speedster horse. Denver's present record of 2:14 1-4 was made at Terre Haute, Ind.

SHERIDAN HANGS OUT A WORLD'S RECORD

NEW YORK, November 28.—Martin J. Sheridan, of the Irish-American A. C., made a world's record today with a 42-pound stone, which he lifted at this time. Christy Mathewson told the interlocutor he would be unable to go to the island at this time. However, the trip will not be given up, and the chance will be given to him to go to the island if terms can be agreed upon.

REULBACH MAY REPLACE CHRISTY MATHEWSON ON ALL-STARS

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—A. M. McLalister, who is engineering the scheme to take a team of "All-Star" ball players to Cuba for a three weeks' stay, was disappointed yesterday on hearing from Christy Mathewson that the interlocutor would be unable to go to the island at this time. However, the trip will not be given up, and the chance will be given to him to go to the island if terms can be agreed upon.

COLLINS ON 7-HORSE POWER INDIAN LOWERS ONE MILE RECORD BY ONE SECOND.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 28.—Ten thousand people witnessed the opening of the new driving park here today, auto and motorcycle races being the attraction. Summary: Five-mile handicap, motorcycle—W. G. Collins, San Francisco (scratch) won. Time, 4:50. Five miles, stock chassis—Collins (scratch) won. Time, 4:50. One mile record trial—W. G. Collins (scratch) won record of 54 4-5, by one second. Five miles open, stock chassis—Won by Thomas six, driven by W. H. Lester. Busick, second; Lester, third. Time, 5:22 2-8.

FIGHT FANS MAKE LEW POWELL A 10 TO 6 FAVORITE OVER AD WOLGAST IN TONIGHT'S BOUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Sporting circles are taking an unusual interest in the fight between Lew Powell and Ad Wolgast, which will take place tomorrow night in this city, and the betting is in favor of the former. It is generally believed that the winner of this fight will be the case with any match of recent date. Powell was a 10 to 6 favorite to-night, but there was more than a little Wolgast money in sight and it seemed likely that the odds might even up. The fight will go 20 rounds, the men weighing in at 122 pounds at 6 o'clock. Jack Welch will referee and the fighters will divide a \$500 purse, the winner taking 60 per cent and the loser 40 per cent. It is generally believed that the winner of this fight will be the lightest champion.

Both fighters look to be in splendid physical condition. They are believed to have trained faithfully and it appears that counts for anything are in shape to put up a great fight.

BIDS FOR JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT TO BE OPENED IN NEW YORK NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—On Wednesday bids for privilege of holding the fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson for the world's heavyweight championship will be opened.

From the West and even from Australia, have come many sealed proposals, but their contents are not known. Judging from many telegraphic bids, an offer of six figures will be required to get the bid. The latest of the telegraphic variety was received today. It said:

"The Great Falls, Mont., Athletic Club offers a \$115,000 purse for the coming Jeffries-Johnson fight. We have assurance of protection from authorities. Can start on arena at once."

It was proposed to open the bids at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night, at a carnival of boxing and wrestling bouts, but Police Commission

BIG BRUSHERS DIVIDE HONORS IN SUNDAY EXHIBITIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The All-Nationals and the Philadelphia Athletics divided honors today, the former winning in the morning, 10 to 4, and the Athletics in the afternoon, 8 to 1. Each game was marked by two hard rains.

Morning Game—R. H. E.
All-Nationals 10 11 4
Athletics 4 10 4
Batteries—Burns and Bliss; Krause and Thomas.

Afternoon Game—R. H. E.
Athletics 8 10 0
Nationals 1 9 3
Batteries—Bender and Thomas; Curtis and Snodgrass.

family well-being destroyed by men, it is useful to glance at the sickening record of the ravages of "social disease" disclosed by the researcher Prince Morrow. The scientist of a single fact may here suffice. Venereal diseases are five times as numerous as tubercular diseases and, on the average, every year not less than 45,000 persons are infected by them. Ultimately, innocent wives and children are the victims.

The value of the divorce remedy for woman is revealed in various ways by the tables showing the relative number of decrees granted to the husband or to the wife, respectively. The number of decrees granted by the court of appeals in 1908 was as follows:

Owens, v. Symons and Schimpff, p. 10. Johnson, v. Household, 9. Paine, 15. Schimpff-Purvis, ss. Chappie and Symons, and v. Symons, 12.

Next Sunday the Kutners go to Hartford for the fourth game of the season between the clubs. Manager Knapp will take his regular line-up, as the realines strength of the Hartford champs and would like to retrieve former losses at the hands of the Kings county tossers.

Erico contributed to the defeat of the Kutners, but as the Sanger Reds, had Les Knapp's Kutter's at his mercy yesterday afternoon and the flame-tossers were returned victorious, 4 to 1, to their home grounds. The Reds presented their regular line-up and Johnson's sumptuous.

The Kutners left this city with five regular players and four subs. The positions of the men were changed about until the team did not seem as of old. However, the game soon developed into a pitchers' battle between Johnson and Symons. Schimpff also headed part of the game for the Kutners. Johnson's twirling was the feature of an otherwise lifeless exhibition.

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MORE ARCTIC HEAT

Of old we have heard of Balan rearing skin. We heard of it again just yesterday. This time the foolish head appears in the form of Walter Wellman, of Chicago and Spitsbergen, who has rushed forward, when others were trying to forget about the nasty controversy, to show that Dr. Cook could not have possibly reached the Pole and that Peary is the only real thing in the Arctic Explorer line.

It will be remembered for how many years this Wellman has himself been the noisy Arctic phonograph, living excuse for not doing something which no one had ever expected him to do. Year after year Wellman has found enough people who took him seriously to read his articles and listen to his lectures, when all that he had done was to ship a great gas bag to Spitsbergen and take a few photographs of it, with icebergs in the background for local color.

That shows how easy it is to get fame (in print) without deserving it. The editor of the Republican is neither a "sturdy," a "strenuous" or any other sort of an "opponent" of the initiative and referendum in this state! and challenges him to a public debate with John E. White, who is to lecture under the auspices of the referendum league.

That shows how easy it is to get fame (in print) without deserving it. The editor of the Republican is neither a "sturdy," a "strenuous" or any other sort of an "opponent" of the initiative and referendum." By all means, let the people initiate and referend all they feel like, if they care to be bothered with it and think they can get any good out of it. And if Mr. White can make any converts to his cult, success to him! Within its obvious limits, the referendum is a useful way of ascertaining the popular will, and since those obvious limits are not obvious to all minds, we shall probably have to try them out by experiment, it is an experiment over which we refuse to get excited, and we are decidedly inclined to believe that the slower we go the farther we will get in it. But if Mr. White can stir up the people to want to try it faster, let him go to it.

We are not worried about the referendum. That can take care of itself. It is the referendumists that give us concern. They need a guardian. The referendum will find its own limits, which we suspect will be narrow and unimportant. But there is no limit to the referendumists. He sees things in Mr. White in that sort, we may advert to some of his visions. But for the referendum itself, let him get all he can in it. Then let the people use it as they will—then which won't be much.

MANIAC SHOOTS FRENCH GENERAL

Sensation Is Created in Paris By Attack Upon Verand By Armed Man.

FRANKLY, our opinion of the referendum is this: 1. local communities is useful and important. The bigger the unit of population the more unwieldy it is, and therefore the more rarely it must be used. As a national proposition it would be so huge job as to be absolutely impractical, except in very great crises, once a century, and these crises can be as well met by the present methods. As a state proposition, if the referendum were in constant use it would be a nuisance, and would abolish representative government. If it is confined to occasional use, it is doubtless thereby of occasional usefulness, but we decline to get excited over anything so unimportant as that occasional use. On a large scale the referendum is either bad, if frequent, or unimportant if frequent. Locally, it is useful—the more so as communities go smaller. In a small village, it is the ideal method, and may well supersede representative government entirely. In the Universal Human Federation it would be so unwieldy that it could be used only once, and that on the question whether such world-state should be founded.

PRE-PRIMARY MEETS

There is a report that the State Executive Committee of the Republican party may call a "pre-primary convention" to put up a state ticket.

If the Executive Committee is willing to confine (which would be the truth) that it represents not the Republicans party, but a faction thereof, then there can be no possible objection to its calling a conference of that faction, to put up a ticket, representing that faction. That is a right which belongs to any individual, or any number of individuals, within the party, and if those individuals represent a definite movement or wing, it is not only their right, but their duty, to put up a ticket.

But it is not the right of the official governing body of the party to call a pre-primary meeting of the party as such, to put up a ticket, as a party ticket. Under the law, the voice of the party is to be spoken at the primaries, and it is an invasion of the right of the party if any previous attempt is made to give expression to that voice. The contest at the primaries is inside the party, between the various elements in the party. No one of these elements has the right to arrogate to itself proprietorship of the party, until it gets that proprietorship by counting votes. The voice of the primary is the voice, and the only voice of the party. Any expression previous to the primaries is the expression of a part of the party. Even if it is called in the name of the party, that call is a false pretense. There is no objection at all to pre-primary conferences by parts of parties. There is absolute objection to them by the party as such.

BALLINGER

We suspect there is something of hidden malice in Secretary Ballinger's appeal for constructive conservation legislation. He appeals for legal authority to do things some of which his predecessors just did, without asking anybody. We suspect a sly insinuation that they were usurpers of law and power.

But no matter. For whatever motives Secretary Ballinger has presented a progressive and constructive program. Some of his recommendations (we suspect maliciously) were progress, but on-hand they appear to be good. At any rate, they appear to be good. And this much the Secretary has guaranteed. It was "up to me" to make himself a leader in the cause of conservation. This is his claim. He will say every word he may think necessary to prove it.

SON OF GENERAL FISH DEAD. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 28.—Clinton B. Fisk, newspaper and theatrical man, son of General Clinton B. Fisk, founder of Fisk University of Nashville, Tenn., was found dead in bed this morning. He had been ill only a few days. He was a native of St. Louis. He formerly was city editor of the New York Journal and later became connected with Keith & Proctor's theatrical enterprise. He came to San Antonio to engage in newspaper work.

BRIEF EDITORIAL
FANCIES SELECTED

Overbooming Eucalyptus

That is the topic on which the "Press" of Riverside, makes a few observations, some of which can be heartily agreed with. But when Editor Clarke talks about the impossibility of making eucalyptus grow on rocky hillsides he has not seen the experiment attempted by George M. Cooley a few years ago, when he planted a number of trees on the rocky hillsides of Littlerock, northeast of the city. The trees grew rapidly, cultivation or any more water than that which fell from the heavens upon them. But in spite of that fact they flourished and made an astonishing growth. So successful was the experiment that Mr. Cooley has since planted the entire hillsides with the same variety of trees, and they are making equally as good growth as did the first planting, and all without irrigation.

True there has been a great amount of rot published regarding the eucalyptus business, but nevertheless with proper care in planting and the care of the trees for the first two years, there is no reason why the industry cannot be made more than ordinarily profitable within a few years.

The city of San Bernardino has a grove of several acres of the Lytton Creaser eucalyptus which have been in cultivation about 17 months, which are many of them 20 feet in height and several inches in diameter. The entire grove averages 15 feet. Seven other small tracts have been planted within a few miles of this city and all of them so far as we know are doing exceptionally well.

Of course the eucalyptus is like many other plants, the better soil and care it is given the better it will do.

There are dreamers in the eucalyptus business, and there are fakers in the business, too, who are extracting the good coin from the pockets of eastern suckers, all to the damage of California in general. But given good care and attention, eucalyptus is worthy a place beside many of the older products of the state as a money maker to the man who will attend to business.

Wellman, having become tired of being numbered in the "fakers" class, has tried to make himself "regular" by endorsing Peary and denouncing Cook. He says that Cook could not have possibly reached the Pole. He adds a rebuke for Cook's having made a little money on his return from the Arctic by giving lectures.

Cook certainly did not take a commendable course from the Wellman point of view. He started upon his trip to the Pole, which kept him for over two years in the frozen zone, without any preliminary brass band accompaniments. He was so inconspicuous that when he came back with the announcement that he had done what Wellman had been talking about doing for years, there were hardly any of the readers of Wellman's numerous articles that knew who Cook was, or that he had been out of the country.

Wellman will doubtless get his reward in the shape of a life membership in the Peary Arctic club. We shudder to think of what would have happened to Andre had he returned from the balloon trip to the Pole which he really started upon, instead of evitating upon Spitsbergen. Wellman would have proved that Andre had not known a balloon from a can of frozen pemmican.

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nored in the Arctic regions than elsewhere, save in the imagination."

Taking in order Dr. Cook's record of his trip northward, Mr. Wellman points to the statement that the Cook party made sixty-eight miles in three days, despite bad weather, rough ice and the necessity of going twice over a big lead two miles wide, and this, he adds, at a time when the sledge loads were the heaviest. Cook, he says, thus traveled a distance 27 per cent greater at a speed 40 per cent faster than Peary with his years of experience and his superior organization.

Wellman is especially caustic in his criticism of Dr. Cook for not turning over records of his trip immediately to some scientific body, especially when his story was questioned by critics. This he declares to be indefensible. Records he says, of any Arctic traveler need no revision for, if they are honestly inscribed, they cannot be subject to revision. Such records, he points out, are kept in "dirty, greasy, grimy notebooks," the inscriptions in which have been "penmed with frost-bitten fingers by a weary man lying in the half darkness of a reindeer-skin bog, while snow or dirt or tent."

REVISING RECORDS.

"Let it be understood," says Wellman, "that such records are always ready. They are complete and perfect the moment they are written. They can be turned over to a scientific committee in two minutes as well as in two months—and much better."

"The man who has done an honest piece of work and recorded it faithfully hour by hour needs not to re-construct that record. The bank cashier who took a daily ledger covering a quarter year home with him, upon the pretext that they needed revision and preparation before being submitted, and insisted on retaining them for some months with r. other eye to his own to see them, probably would find himself in trouble with his directors and the officers of the law."

"MARVELOUS TRAVELER!"

Wellman scoffs at Cook's astronomical data, especially the observation which he claims to have taken within 1418 feet of the pole.

"He is, indeed, a marvelous traveler," declares Wellman, "who can average 15.6 miles a day for a month over sea ice with heavy sledges, and a marvelous astronomical observer who can locate his position with 1400 feet-four minutes' walk and then advance for the purpose of revising it more closely still, like the story of the amateur mountain-climber who ascended a peak and returned with a report that he measured its altitude by barometer and found it to be 8 miles, 20 rods, 7 feet and 4 5/8 inches."

Wellman flatly declares that such observations could not be manufactured anywhere by anybody, and to support his assertion he includes an "observation" such as might have been made at the result of an old quarrel. Miss Owens cut a gun in pieces, the fatal wound being in the left breast, where an artery leading to the heart was severed. Miss Bolt was arrested.

WOMEN IN DUEL; ONE IS KILLED

BRADFORD, Ark., November 28.—In a street duel with knives at Altica last night, Miss Nora Owens was injured fatally by Miss Stella Bolt, and died a few minutes later. The duel was the result of an old quarrel. Miss Owens cut a gun in pieces, the fatal wound being in the left breast, where an artery leading to the heart was severed. Miss Bolt was arrested.

GIFT FOR EPISCOPAL \$50,000 PENSION FUND

NEW YORK, November 28.—An announcement was made from the pulpit of St. George's Church today that Dr. W. B. Wilkins, that gift of \$50,000 had been received toward the \$50,000 fund being raised to pension Episcopal clergymen at the age of 64 years or sooner if they are disabled. The name of the donor was not made known but he lives in the Middle West.

Thus far \$200,000 has been collected for the fund, which had its origin at the general conference in Richmond two years ago.

SPANISH FIGHTER GORED BY A BULL

MEXICO CITY, November 28.—Manuel Martines, known among bull fighters as a "difiutador," was seriously injured at the bull fight here this afternoon by the last bull brought into the arena. Martines is a picador just from Spain and a member of the troupe of Rodolfo Guano who was seriously hurt a year ago. The picador was thrown from his horse and the infuriated bull drove one horn into the man, who was beneath the horse, while the other gored the fallen steer.

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SHIP STILL STORM BOUND.

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 28.—The wind storm which began Saturday continued through Sunday and none of the tugboats ventured over the bar. No attempt has been made to take from the Columbia river lightship Captain Levi Snyder of the Seattle steamer Argos and his companions who are marooned there and no effort to bring them ashore will be made until after the storm subsides.

ANOTHER STORM IN WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—Another fierce storm, rivaling in severity that of ten days ago raged over Gray's Harbor during Sunday. Rivers that had begun to subside are again bank full and further damage is feared by loggers.

The lower part of Aberdeen is flooded to a depth of two or three feet, reaching in some cases to doorsteps.

The Northern Pacific tracks between Honouli and Moelips have been washed out.

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PRESIDENT HAS MANY APPOINTMENTS TO MAKE DURING PRESENT WINTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—so far as to say that Austria has been sounded concerning the acceptability of Mr. Kerens. With regard to the business end of the administration, the assistant secretaries of the Treasury, and of the Department of Commerce and Labor in two places that require early action, as the affairs of these two departments are heavy and require the attention of all the officers authorized by law.

The announcement that there is to be a general shake-up in the Post-office Department opens a field for speculation there. The First Assistant already has been removed by transfer to the office of postmaster of Washington, and the resignation of Third Assistant Postmaster General Lawshe is in the hands of the President. Postmaster General Hitchcock giving this matter his personal attention, and probably will take it up with the President during the present week.

MAY PROMOTE MR. WEED.

Secretary Taft, it is understood, has practically reached a conclusion in his mind concerning his immediate assistant, but the name is carefully guarded, although it is known he has a high regard for his chief clerk, Mr. Weed, and may advance him to this place.

Early in January there will be a vacancy in the interstate commerce commission by reason of the expiration of the term of Franklin K. Lane, all the unexpired term of Mr. Fifer.

Some time ago the resignation of Gov. Curry, of New Mexico, was received and accepted, to take effect February 1 next. In view of the protracted struggle in Congress for Statehood for this Territory and Arizona, the governorship will be an important office. The President has let it be known that he is taking a personal interest in the future of these two Territories.

In Kansas there is a political situation the President will be called upon to straighten out. In this state the pension agent, the district attorney and Internal revenue collector are all selected, and the settlement of this patronage involves an adjustment of the relations between Senators Brewster and Curtis. These two senators have not been able thus far to agree and have not submitted any names to the President.

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Another diplomatic post of the first rank in which there is likelihood of a change is that at Vienna, where Charles S. Francis, of New York, is the American ambassador to the court of Austria-Hungary. There has been some talk of Richard Kerens, of St. Louis, for the place, the gossip going

state, and did not know that she was trying to decide us.

"I hardly know what name to give such practices. It was what you might call a 'sub-conscious' fraud. Her real self was not responsible. We could not blame her for the deceptions any more than we could a sleep-walker responsible for his acts.

"There is a wide difference in mediums, and each individual must be tested. To thoroughly determine it Professor Hyslop does 'super-normal' work would require from 100 to 200 settings. It would take years to do that properly.

"It would be an easy matter to write ordinary questions and receive ordinary answers. The medium from the subconscious can tell us things that we already know, but the true medium knows things beyond ourselves and that is what we call 'super-normal'."

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All the young people of the Fresno churches are invited to hear Mr. Tean, November 30, Presbyterian church.

Hog feed \$10 ton, Capri oil cake, Capri oil cake meal, California Products Co., south end O street and Butler avenue.

The undertaking firm of Stephens & Dean will today ship the remains of the late Robert Burns to Versailles, Mo., for interment.

There will be a meeting of the civic department of the Parlor Lecture Club this evening at the residence of Mrs. L. P. Swift, 1641 M street, Mrs. H. C. Warner, chairman.

The remains of the late Miss Martin, sister of Mrs. Rev. C. C. Woods, will be shipped by Beall Bros. to Wichita, Kans., this morning for interment in a cemetery near her former home.

Funeral services over the remains of the late W. W. Westcott will be held at 10 o'clock this morning from the undertaking parlor of Beall Bros. Interment will be made in the Ruedy cemetery.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. A. Stephens of Selma is at the Fulton.

L. C. Trewitt of Hanford is stopping at the Fulton.

G. Steward of Fowler is a guest at the Grand Central.

J. Lushbaugh, of Fairbanks, Alaska, has apartments at the Hughes.

Miss Maude Qualls of Clovis was among the arrivals at the Fulton yesterday.

H. J. Laughlin of Easton is at the Fulton.

Dr. T. S. Luce of Selma is a guest at the Fulton.

John Bachelder is registered at the Grand Central from Selma.

Miss Hazel McClure of Red Bluff is staying at the Sequoia.

J. S. Smagrass, the Selma banker, is at the Fulton.

Fred S. Campbell of San Joaquin was among the arrivals at the Sequoia yesterday.

R. Johnston of Visalia is a guest at the Sequoia.

E. Francis of Turlock is stopping at the Fulton.

S. Sledge of Modesto is registered at the Grand Central.

IS ACCUSED OF TAKING A HORSE

F. Bowman, formerly an employee of a livery stable at Laton, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Constable Henton on a charge of embezzlement. It is alleged that Bowman had appropriated a sum of money and a horse and buggy from his employer. After "Joy ride," Bowman was arrested in Laton yesterday and brought to the county jail last night.

Fred Beckman was arrested last night by Patrolman Castner for disturbing the peace. It is alleged that Beckman attempted to start a fight on H street while under the influence of liquor. Beckman was lodged in the county jail.

DIED.

FOUNTEEN—At Home, Nov. 26, 1909. Benjamin Fountaine, a native of Germany, aged 80 years. Funeral notice later.

JOHNSON—In Fresno, Nov. 28, 1909. Frederick Norman Johnson, a native of Utah, aged 8 years, 6 months and 6 days.

Funeral will be held from Bear Bros. Chapel this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mountain View cemetery.

WESTCOTT—At 345 Roosevelt Avenue, this city, November 27, 1909. William Walton Westcott, a native of Vermont, aged 73 years.

Funeral from Bear Bros. Chapel this morning at 10 o'clock. The remains will be shipped to Ruedy for interment. Funeral services under the direction of the G. A. R.

FOUND DEAD AT TABLE.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Nov. 25.—Seated in a chair at a table, neighbors found the dead body of A. G. Nelson, an aged recluse, yesterday. Death came to him while he was dining. The neighbors broke down the door of his home when he did not appear for several days.

How to Make Windows Crystal Clear

With dry soft cloth remove the dust from both outside and inside, cleaning the corners and grooves with the point of a stick covered with a cloth. Have ready a pail of warm suds made by dissolving a tablespoonful of Gold Dust washing powder in warm water. Dip a soft cloth in the water, squeeze almost dry and wipe the glass off. Polish with chamomile as it leaves no lint and does the work with more ease. Do not wash windows when the sun is shining on them. Mirrors should be washed in the same way as windows. Then polish with a soft cloth charged with powdered whiting.

BACON IS INJURED BY A HORSE'S FALL

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Robert Bacon, who will shortly succeed Henry White as ambassador to France, is ill at his Long Island estate here, as the result of a fall from a horse on Thanksgiving day. Bacon fell beneath the horse, breaking his collar bone and suffering severe bruises. It is expected that the injury will be healed without complications and that Mr. Bacon's departure for Paris will not be delayed.

CONSUL MUST SIGN \$16,000,000 IN BONDS

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The departure of Mariand Rockfort, Cuban consul general in New York, for a brief visit to Havana, has been delayed by a cable message from the government, which orders him to stay in New York until he has signed his name 16,000 times, such as a teacher keeps her refractory pupil after hours to write his name numerous times as punishment. In this case it was not a punishment, however. The consul general was directed to affix his signature in \$16,000,000 worth of bonds, representing a loan recently negotiated.

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"FATHER" TO BE PRAISED IN VERSE

Kansas Man Offers \$100 as Prize for Written Tributes to the Head of the Family.

From Wichita, Kan., comes the news that at last father is to be given a chance. Samuel Francis Woolard of that city has offered \$100 in prizes for poetry and prose on "Father." The prize-winning articles are to be printed in book form and the literature of the world will, it is expected, be enriched in a spot where now nothing but sterility obtains.

It is time that father were given his innings. Mother has been having it all her own way throughout the centuries. Any common book of quotations will give such pleasing extracts as

A mother is a mother still;

The holiest thing alive;

but all that father gets—and it is not in the book either—is something like

Ah, poor old dad

Has gone to the bad

From drinking booze again,

or "everybody works but father."

Yet, as a rule, father has not complained. He is a realist in the scheme of things, he has to have a hard time it. There is one family to support, the children to be fed and educated, and hats to buy for mother. He keeps plugging along at the game, not always to the best advantage, to be sure, but generally in a purpose that is fairly satisfactory in the end.

Sometimes it is a bit difficult to make the family ends quite meet. That is up to father. Mother and the rest may worry over it, too, but as a rule it is father that stays awake at nights and makes the plans to get things right. That, of course, is his duty, and probably he is not deserving of any poetic tribute to its performance.

And yet duty well done is always a good subject to sing about. Mother and the girls get their share of it, and why should not father? The Wichita man's idea is to be recommended. It is to be hoped, too, that the poets and essayists of the country will rise to the occasion offered them.—Exchange.

UNIFORM DIVORCE LAWS ARE DESIRED

Will Be Considered at Coming Conference on Legislation to Be Asked of State.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Uniformity in the divorce laws of various states is being sought by President Taft and most of the state governors, according to Seth Low, who as president of the National Civic Federation has just announced the date of the conference on uniform legislation. This conference will be held in Washington on January 17-18. Representative men of every state in the Union, appointed by the governors, will attend.

Mr. Low's announcement says:

"Through the initiative of the American Bar Association, a special national organization of commissioners chosen by the different governors, is now working for a uniform divorce law, the supreme necessity for which grows out of the condition that a child under the various divorce laws may be legitimate in one state, but illegitimate in another. The work of this special commission will be reported on at the conference and will then come before the committee of governors."

A BACHELOR OF 81 WEDS WIDOW OF 82

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—After scoring the wiles of Cupid eighty-one years, William Turk's heart finally was pierced by one of the shafts from the archer's bow and now he is living happily with a bride aged 82 on his little farm on the outskirts of Evanston.

A romance which dates back for years came to a climax when Turk and Mrs. Caroline Weese eloped to Chicago a week ago and quietly were married. Mrs. Weese's first husband died on Thanksgiving day, 1908, and shortly after Turk's sister, with whom he had been living many years, died.

Turk and Mrs. Weese had been acquaintances for years and recently decided they would be happier if they became life companions and the plan was carried out.

INJURED IN HURRICANE.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Nov. 27.—The Portuguese knight Navarino has arrived here with her maid gone and otherwise damaged. She sailed from Barbados on November 3rd with a cargo of molasses for Funchal, Madeira. On November 14th she encountered the West Indian hurricane and sprang a leak. The captain had no chart of Porto Rico, but steered in coast until he saw the light house, when the revenue cutter Algenquin went to the rescue. The vessel, however, needed only guidance and entered port unaided.

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NOW THE WORLD CAME INTO BEING

Contrast of the Genesis Story With Science.

Evolution Is Still at Work Making New and Perfecting Old Worlds.

Last night at the Unitarian service held in the Parlor Lecture Club hall, Rev. J. A. Grimes gave the second lecture in a course of four on Evolution. The subject was, "How the Universe Came To Be."

In the introduction, the speaker said that nearly all people have their cosmologies. As soon as men begin to think, they question as to their origin, and of the world around them. Their answers to these questions are their cosmogony. In every case, sacred literature of their cosmogony will generally be found in it. The speaker referred to the cosmogonies which he has heard: Those of rude tribes who say "All things made themselves"; that of the North American Indians, the Polynesians, and the Maories, who think that all things came out of the water; those of Phoenix, Finland, China, etc., who think all things came from an egg; that of India, and the Jews, which holds that a self-existent Supreme Being created all things; and most singular of all, that of Scandinavia, with its region of boundless ice on the north coming in contact with a region of boundless fire on the south and producing the giant Ymir, from whose body after he had been slain, were formed the earth and the heavens. Continuing, the lecturer spoke in substance as follows:

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"What are these creation stories, history or legend? There is no question in the mind of any intelligent person about them all being legends—except the stories we find in Genesis. But why should this, so like all the other stories, be an exception? It is true it is of a much higher literary form and more purpose than most of the others, but if it were not in our Bible every one would see that it fell into the same class as the cosmogonies of other peoples. There is no more reason for believing that the Hebrew cosmogony is history than there is for believing those of Scandinavia or India are. It does not bear the marks of history, and does not meet the tests of modern science."

"Whence came this marvelous universe? There are only two answers, that given in Genesis and that given by evolution. Both cannot be true, for they differ radically. The question to which we seek an answer tonight is, WHICH IS TRUE?"

THE GENESIS STORY.
Take first the Genesis story of world-making: We are told that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth in six days. On the first day light was created, and divided from the darkness, thus causing day and night. On the second day a firmament, a solid roof, or dome was made for the purpose of separating the water. The waters above this dome, it was thought, were stored in reservoirs for future use as rain; and this "firmament" was supposed to have windows in it which could be opened to let the water down when it was needed. On the third day the waters beneath this dome were gathered into seas, the dry land was made to produce grass, herbs and trees. The sun, moon and stars were created on the fourth day. On the fifth day the fish and the birds were made. On the sixth day God made the beasts and creeping things, and crowned His work by making man in His own image. On the seventh day God rested.

What about this strange story? Who wrote it? No man knows; we do know that Moses did not, that he had been dead for centuries before the Jews knew anything about this story. The writer, however he was, certainly was not an eye-witness. The only way he could have known about the facts was by God telling him. But he makes no such claim.

Scholars have found the source of this story. They tell us that this creation legend, and the legends of the fall of man, and of the flood, all were of Babylonian and Chaldean origin, and that the Jews knew nothing about them until they were carried as captives to Babylon. They borrowed them, revised, changed, and stamped upon them their own higher ideals of morality, in which he gathered about him, just before the return of the Jews from exile in the so-called "Five Books of Moses." In their present form, they incorporated these heathen legends into the first book.

This Genesis creation story, is not only not historic, but its statements are contrary to the established scientific facts. First, the time is too short to be a true account of the creation of the world. "To be sure," says Dr. Sunierland, to whom I am much indebted for the material used in this lecture, "there is a system of interpretation which claims that the 'days' mentioned in the story mean not days but long periods of time. But the narrative gives no warrant for any such interpretation. It is plainly barbed out. The story is plain and straightforward; the 'days' are 'real' days, each having its 'morning and evening.' Any system of interpretation which makes the writer mean anything else than a day of 24 hours, must break down and turn the whole Bible to absurdity."

OTHER DIFFICULTIES.

Another difficulty is the fakeness of creation, or its nearness to our time. In the King James version of the Bible you will find in the margin, the date of this world-making given as 4004 B. C. Dr. Lightfoot, of Cambridge University, one of the most celebrated Hebrew scholars of the seventeenth century, is still more exact; he tells us this stupendous work "took place" and man "was created" by the Trinity on October 23, 4004 B. C., at 9 o'clock in the morning! By any fair interpretation of the Old Testament records the earth is only about 6,000 years old. The sun and the stars are of the same age. Science has demonstrated that the beginning of the earth goes back hundreds of millions of years. Lord Kelvin says that life has been found on the earth at least 100 million years. Sir Charles Lyell thinks 240 million years would be required for the deposit of all the strata of the earth. Scientists affirm that man has lived upon the earth for at least 500,000 years, probably for millions of years. The earth is young. Compared with the earth and the stars, Heimholtz thought the solar system has been in existence at least 500 million years. Science flatly contradicts the Genesis legend as to the date of the creation of the universe.

But there are more scientific difficulties. The Genesis story tells us that light was created, and the day was divided from the night, before the sun was made. Light without the source of light, day and night (caused by the revolving of the earth upon its axis) before there was any earth or sun. Then the sky is represented as dark, while every school boy knows that the sun is bright. Plants are represented as having been created before the sun—as if the sun's light and heat could not have told them that the sun was created.

AVIATION LICENSES.
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WOMAN'S SHOT SAVES HUSBAND'S LIFE

Man Would have Been Trampled to Death Were it Not for His Wife.

LUTSEN, Minn., Nov. 28.—A well directed bullet put through the shoulder of a charging bull, drove in the winterized door of his house. Mrs. N. B. Parker of Chicago, one of Lutsen's best known, saved her husband and the old stockade of the couple from death beneath the wild animal's hoofs.

The fact is, this old legend breaks down at nearly every point when we attempt to regard it as either history or science—that is to say, as a record of facts.

PRIMITIVE LEGENDS.

This Genesis legend is only one of many similar creation stories. It is one of the many attempts of primitive people to account for the world in which they found themselves. This is the position taken by most Biblical students: It is the position of practically all scientists. "Regarded as a work of devout imagination," says Dr. Sunderland. "It is interesting and valuable. It has been well termed a 'Poem of Creation.' As such it is striking and sublime. But as a statement of fact, it is no more than the critical test of our time that evolution, Paradise Lost, and the like stories of how God made the world, is the poetic picture of how some gifted soul, or souls, dreamed the world was made."

There is one other theory of how the world was made, and only one—the modern theory of evolution. This is the theory accepted by practically all scientists. It would seem that ought to settle the matter for those of us who are not scientists. If all the doctors were agreed upon a certain disease and its treatment, it would hardly be modest for us laymen to say they were wrong. When all the generals are at one on some military question, we citizens would hardly be wise to dispute their decision. If all architects agree on some principle of architecture, and all painters on some question of art, we who are not architects or painters, should at least hesitate in questioning their decisions.

Nearly all the present opposition to evolution comes from two classes: those who are striving to maintain a system of theology which evolution undermines, or from those who know nothing about it. Evolution is not guess-work; it is a theory based on patient research and study of facts. The men who have elaborated this answer to the old question, "How did things come to be as they are?" are men who have gone to the facts themselves, and given years in patient research and obtained this answer. They went to the earth and studied it, and evolution gives us our modern geology; they turned their telescopes on the heavens, and evolution re-wrote, astronomy, they studied animal life, and evolution gave us a new zoology; they studied man, and evolution has given us a new physiology, psychology and anthropology. In all these and many other fields of research, the golden key which has unlocked the secret of knowledge has been found in evolution. Science today uses evolution as a working hypothesis. The opposition to evolution comes very largely from those who are still trying to hold on to an out-worn belief in Biblical inerrancy.

WHY EVOLUTION?

Scientists accept evolution for many reasons. Let me give two: Scientists know that evolution has been at work during the ages past, and they know it is at work today. To illustrate: Science tells us that the space now occupied by sun and planets was once filled with fire-mist, and masses of matter—"world stuff." This world stuff came together in great whirling masses; cooling and condensation followed, and these masses became suns and planets. This is the famous nebular hypothesis. That it is true is shown by the fact that the planets, our earth among them, are precisely the condition we should expect them to be, according to this hypothesis.

The earth has cooled so that it is now only habitable, but teams with life. The moon once a part of the earth and thrown off from it, being so much smaller than the earth, is now cold and dead. Jupiter and Saturn, being so much larger than the earth, are still not half-way between the sun's flaming condition and this planet's habitable one.

Scientists and "all ordinarily educated people" accept evolution as the way in which the universe came to be, because they know that evolution is still at work. The astronomer turns his telescope on the heavens, and he finds, in different places vast masses of this flaming, whirling nebulae. What is it? World-stuff, matter, of which new planets are in process of being made. Wherever the astronomer finds one of these great spiral masses he knows that evolution is at its old work, and is making a new planet. The astronomer believes in evolution. He must, because his telescope shows him that planet-making, in all the various stages, is now going on.

Turn now from the heavens to the earth beneath one's feet. Here again we have not dreams or guesses, but facts, which substantiate evolution. How did this earth come to be? Was it created in a day, as the old legend says? Or, is it a growth through ages?

The geologist examines the crust of the earth and he finds a wonderful record written there—another Word of God, written by His styluses of fire, water, ice and wind. "Geology," says Dr. Thompson, in his book "What is Physical Life," "presents a very readable narrative of past life on this globe, based on records so safely preserved in rocky strata, that whether they tell of great trees, great animals, or of delicate ferns, the complete history of each can now be given."

SCIENTIFIC STUDY.
The scientific studies this marvelous story. He questions the volcanoes, and studies the effects of heat; he studies stratification as it is going on today and has been going on for millions of years; he studies the rise and subsidence of lands, and the consequent changing of the earth's surface; studies the laws of erosion by which mountains are cut down and carried into the sea, and vast river beds are scooped out; he studies the action of wind, rain, and frost in disintegrating rocks and changing them into soil; he studies the glaciers, and observes how they plow down the hills and fill up the valleys, and carry their enormous load of rocks and earth thousands of miles; he finds that the laws and forces whose effects he is studying are constant, and have been constant throughout the ages past, and therefore he knows that he has found the key to the past history of the earth—that it was not an instantaneous creation, but an evolutionary growth.

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BETWEEN LINCOLN and Porterville, \$100 to \$125 per acre. Nothing better in California, location, soil and water of the best, 8 years time, low interest. Maps furnished and descriptions, on application.

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SON OF JOHN D. FISKE SEEKING FATHER'S ESTATE

Jay Allen Fiske Will Bring Sensational Suit Against S. N. Griffith and W. H. McKenzie to Recover \$400,000 Worth of Property

Announcement was made yesterday that the estate of John D. Fiske, which was \$100,000 worth of business property in this city will in all probability be commenced by Jay Allen Fiske, son of John D. Fiske, former owner and builder of the Fiske block at the corner of J and Fresno streets. The suits will be directed against S. N. Griffith and W. H. McKenzie, who as the Fresno Estate Company secured practically all the property owned by Fiske at the time of his death in this city.

The property includes the Fiske block, the Allen block, now called the Voorman block on I street in which is situated Wolmer's restaurant, the old Fresno Opera House, lately occupied by Reddick, and the old "I" house residence at the corner of Mariposa and M streets, now occupied by S. N. Griffith.

The Fiske block is held by S. N. Griffith and the Fiske residence has been bequeathed by Fiske to his wife. The Voorman company owns the old Allen block and Kutner-Goldstein own the old Fresno Opera House, later known as Grady's Opera House.

The contemplated action is sensational in character, first because of the prominence of the Fisks at the time of the death of John D. Fiske, and secondly because of the fact that Jay Allen Fiske will make startling charges against his mother, Griffith and McKenzie.

John D. Fiske, who was a well-known character about Fresno in the eighties, was shot and killed by James Gilligan, an inventor, on July 26, 1890. At the time of death he was separated from his wife. Five days before his death Fiske had entered a \$100,000 damage suit against Robert Barton, Sr., for alienating the affections of his wife. Because of Fiske's death the suit never came to trial.

At the time of Fiske's death, it was stated that the property, which at that time was valued at \$200,000, would be divided between his wife, Mrs. Fiske, Jay Allen Fiske and a daughter, Jay Allen Fiske, who at time was two years of age, while the sister was 10 months of age. His father was 92 years of age.

During the time the estate was in the

probate court, everything went along smoothly until the day before yesterday when it was discovered that Fiske's life insurance which was \$100,000, was paid and divided among the three heirs.

After the estate had been settled, however, Mrs. Fiske made the startling statement it is alleged, that her husband owned none of the property, he was simply her trustee. She also claimed that at the time of her marriage she had "loaned" of her own money, and that her father was a self-made man.

Immediately after this announcement on the part of Mrs. Fiske, she instituted suit in the superior court of this county to have the property declared hers. In this suit it was alleged that when Fiske sold the property now in question, he doctored it over to his wife, afterwards securing a return deed from her which was also recorded. The suit was brought to demand the return deed invalid, for otherwise she could lay no claim to the entire estate.

Young Fiske yesterday declared that this suit was fraudulent from start to finish. The judgment of the court was that the return deed was invalid. He added that he had absolute proof to show that this was not the case and this proof will be presented when the case is brought into court.

Fiske further stated yesterday that when this suit was commenced, his grandfather was trustee for the portion which was to have been given his sister and himself. He also declares that the old court records show that the attorney for his grandfather was an attorney for the attorney of the attorney for his mother who was prosecuting the suit to take from him his portion of the property. Fiske further claimed that the bondman for his grandfather as trustee of his estate was Marcusau, the husband of his mother at the time the suit was brought. Mrs. Fiske married Marcusau after Fiske's death and is going under that name, although she has since been married again. It is stated.

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peration for herself, leaving his sister and himself nothing. Fiske yesterday declared that in his complaint that he had lost the property because of dealings on the part of S. N. Griffith and McKenzie, whose validity he proposed to attack. At the time she lost the property Griffith was acting as her attorney. The property was sold to him at what Jay Fiske alleges was much less than the real value.

The Fresno Estate Company was then organized by McKenzie and Griffith and the property taken charge of and managed by this company. Griffith and McKenzie in turn sold the Allen and Fiske opera house blocks. Fiske states that the sales were made at prices which indicated that the sellers recognized his interest in the estate.

During all these years, while this property has been held under a disputed title, it has been supposed that the two children of John D. Fiske were dead. The daughter did die a few years ago, while en route from Brazil to Liverpool, and it was also taken for granted that her brother was dead.

Young Fiske left his mother while 12 years of age and during the last 18 years has been living in New York City. For over six years he worked for Mr. Peabody, chief counsels for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

Fiske came to Fresno on Thanksgiving Day and has since been actively engaged in pursuing his court records to establish the ownership of the Fiske property, and to obtain title to the property.

"At any rate," he declared, "I will certainly settle the question of the title. I will show that it is either good or bad. If it is good, then Griffith and McKenzie are welcome to the property, but if it is bad, then I will have my share. If I thought for an instant that the deals had all been in good faith, I would not be here today seeking to lay claim to any of the property. I do not think that they were made in good faith, however, and consequently I am going to prosecute this suit, and I am going to fight it out to the very end."

Fiske left last night for San Francisco, but stated that he would be back before the end of the week.

The suit was brought by Mrs. Fiske to declare the return deed executed by her, invalid. It was in reality a suit against her children. She is living in Europe, but will not be brought into the case very much, in all probability, as she has now no interest in the property. The son is a native of Fresno, born in the house now occupied by S. N. Griffith. He left Fresno in 1889, going to New York with his mother. He bears a very strong resemblance to his father and many old-timers who have seen him on the street since he came to Fresno have recognized him at once.

Young Fiske left home when 13 years of age and has since taken care of himself. He educated himself and for six years and a half worked under Miss Peabody of the Mutual Life, the latter part of the time being spent in studying law in Peabody's office. His first education was received in a little country school.

About a year and a half ago he opened up a real estate office in New York, but has since abandoned the business there to take up this suit. While only 22 years of age, he is married and has a son 2 years of age. Fiske stated yesterday that he would like to come back and settle in Fresno, but would not like to do so until he had cleared the title on the property formerly owned by his father.

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It is to be noted that for two weeks the Garrick theater on the Oregon before it moved to the old quarters on Foothill (near the fire) it drew \$1,000 per receipts, and that nowhere that it has played in California or southward has it shown to less than \$3000 nightly. It is such a first class equipped traveling company that it carries five musicians to augment local orchestras.

Old friend as "Inog" might be, it came in such respondent new garb last night that no one would have recognized it. Its incog was complete almost. There was no huge mark to recognize it, save the suggestion of the plot, but so different was it, that all the superlatives can honestly be exhausted in describing the attractiveness and brightness of the "Inog" disguised music comedy.

Victor Morley, the original in the part, is a natural comedian and a born

comedian, with a clear, ringing voice.

Under new management the old Novelty theater has reopened as the Frank Daniels and Raymond Hitchcock order of comedians who are making a success of it. Another good comedian in the company is Eddie P. Bauer, who does a fine piece of humorous character part acting in "The Shaggy Hartman." M. De G. N. U. T. Harry Hanson and Ben Stanhope, the martyr to dyspepsia, also does a good piece of work in the character old man.

The women all are clever—if the use

of that much overworked little word is

parlance—but in this instance it fits

nicely and describes so aptly.

There's Bessie Clifford, "always happy," as the little comedienne, and Minnie Allen, a delightful singer, and Ade Gifford, the general's ward, and Helen Stangler, the statuesque "cheerful wiper," all good in their respective parts.

But "The Three Twins" will be re-

peated tonight and there's as much in

the two acts that one can expect to see

on successive nights for the sensory

and the scenic efforts at one night's sitting.

The choruses present some

new features as the character

and tableau illustrating the song

hit, "Cuddle Up a Little Closer, Lovy

Mine," the electric swing as the finale

to the first act and one of the finest

scenes ever staged at the Barton with

the aid of electricity, the "Little Miss

Up to Date," illustrating the modern

extravagances in women's headwear,

the "Yankee Girls," Morley's appalling

tale to music of the march with one half

and the other of the Englishman whose

burden in life was that he could not

keep his memory in the eye.

"The Three Twins" is in brief one

of the best staged, also one of the

finest and most thoroughly satisfying

musical comedies that one could

wish to see, and that is not priding it

any too high, for that is the verdict

that has been passed upon it every-

where.

MUSICAL COMEDY AT ITS DAINTIEST

The Three Twins Is Ap-
plauded Liberally.

No One Would Recognize It
as Mrs. Pacheco's Farce
of "Incog."

The Barton was crowded last night at the first representation of "The Three Twins," indisputably one of the best and deepest musical comedies that has been given in many a season and concerning which unreserved endorsement had yet to be withheld where presented. And that's in hot air of an advance agent.

The big audience last night was unanimous in declaring that it was the "deposited" thing in musical comedy that has been given in Fresno, in that sporting term may be appropriately used in connection with matters theatrical. And apparently it is appropriate, for the "approving term of cutesy" was on every one's tongue.

There's nothing odd about the "The Three Twins," save perhaps the thinly followed story of the plot, or as much of it as has been borrowed on when to hang the drizzlies, the dances, the songs and the electrical features to make up the two acts, helped out by the applause and the peals upon peaks of laughter from the spectators to emphasize the pronounced hit.

"The Three Twins" is the masquerading

name of "Incog," written by Califor-

nia woman, who has given several

other pieces to the stage. Mrs. Romual-

do Pacheco, whose husband was a state

senator, and a lieutenant governor in

1875 succeeded as governor when Newton Booth resigned to become U. S.

senator, and who, besides holding state

offices, was a congressman and minister

to Central American states, having

been the first native son or Californian

ancestor who in his native state enjoyed

so many political honors. But all this is neither here nor there.

"The Three Twins" is one of the chameleons of musical comedies that the lovers of this class of entertainment have of late quaffed. With the cork popping out with the raise of the curtain and until the catchy finale of the "Yama Yama Man" of the second act get a wild and bubbly and frothy overflow at all times, and sometimes on sensation.

There was nothing of the shelf-work, "The Three Twins" as there is in so many of these musical comedies. "Incog" in its masked disguise is fresh and crisp, bright and new, with clean and pretty scenery, delicate, tuneful music, rapid and witty dialogue, costumes rare, befitting and wonderful in variety, and as for girls—and pretty girls too—there was a stageful of them big and little. What's more there was a good looking male chorus. There was singing in plenty and singing by singers. Comedy there was in plenty also by comedians, all in all it was pretty near what musical comedy with good music and singers, plenty of action, lively women and all the et ceteras of musical comedy formerly owned by his father.

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